



JUDICIAL PROFILE

James Padish was appointed to the bench in November 1999. Prior to his appointment he served as a Superior Court Commissioner. He is assigned to the Criminal Department. He received a law degree in 1981 from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Affairs in 1978 from Indiana University. He practiced law in Illinois before relocating to Arizona in 1987. He is a former Deputy Maricopa County Public Defender and was in private practice before his appointment in 1992 as Executive Director of the City of Phoenix Public Defender program.

Judge Padish is on the Board of Directors for DNA People's Legal Services, Inc. He previously served on the governing boards of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest and the Heard Museum Council. He is the past-chairman of the Professionalism Committee of the Maricopa County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Governor's DUI Advisory Commission and the State Bar Fee arbitration Committee.

